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Appln. No. : 09/961,233

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on March 8, 2002 and May 27, 2003, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,227,792 to RENTSCHLER, issued on October 14, 1980;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,089,760 to TERADA, issued on July 18, 2000;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,892,998 to KODAIRA et al., issued on April 6, 1999;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,125,237 to PARK, issued on September 26, 2000;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 4,426,145 to HASHIMOTO, issued on January 17, 1984;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 4,839,680 to AMADA et al., issued on June 13, 1989;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 4,922,274 to YAMAMOTO et al., issued on May 1, 1990; and
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,176,627 to SUH, issued on January 23, 2001.

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The above-mentioned documents were cited by the Examiner in related co-pending, commonly assigned patent application Nos. 10/101,150 (i.e., documents (1) and (2)); 10/101,062 (i.e., documents (3) and (4)); and 10/101,149 (i.e., documents (5)-(8)). Because these related co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on May 27, 2003, Applicant presumes that the Examiner has considered the above-noted documents during his review of the files of related Application Nos. 10/101,150; 10/101,062; and 10/101,149.

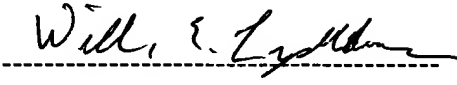
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned  
at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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